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CITES BULGARIAN INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

During the current year the volume of capital goods produced will surpass the 1939 volume 4.2 times. The production of consumers' goods will surpass the 1939 volume 3.1 times. By the end of 1951, the volume of industrial production will attain 97.3 percent of the volume set for 1953 by the Five-Year Plan.

In comparison with 1939, the production of coal will increase 2.9 times by the end of 1951, the production of the metallurgical industry 12.2 times, and the production of the machine-building industry 90.7 times.

At present, all kinds of agricultural machines except tractors and combines are manufactured in Bulgaria.

The new method of fast metal cutting is being applied by 185 workers; there are 550 multistope miners; 6,899 men and women workers operate more than one machine each; and 83 brigades have become known for high-grade production.

The plant for the production of sulfuric acid was put into operation in March 1951, and instead of importing this product, Bulgaria now exports considerable quantities of it.

A new cotton spinning mill will be put into operation by the end of 1951. It will help to increase the capacity of Bulgarian spinning mills 27 percent.

A number of industrial enterprises are under construction. Factories valued at about 92 billion leva will be in operation by the end of the current year. The capacity of electric power plants put in operation during this year will equal all power plants put in operation during the past 70 years. A cellulose plant will begin operations in 1952. The State Metallurgical Plant is under construction, and is second in size only to the "Stalin" Chemical Combine. When this plant is put in operation, Bulgaria will produce ferrous metals and will no longer have to import them.

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Another large chemical plant, the soda plant, is under construction. When the plant is in operation, Bulgaria will not have to import calcined soda, caustic soda, and bicarbonate of soda, but will be in a position to export large quantities of soda.

The construction of a lead and zinc plant, a plant for the production of synthetic fibers, and a plant for oak extracts will begin in 1952.

During 1947, 6,100 industrial enterprises were nationalized. Each employed an average of 25 persons. At present, an average of 238 persons are employed in each factory under the Ministry of Industry. Many enterprises employ 1,000 or more workers.

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